

REMARKS

After the foregoing amendment, claims 1-3 and 8-14, as amended, are pending in the application. Claims 1-3 and 8-14 have been allowed. Claim 8 has been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claims 4-7 and 15-16 remain canceled. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added to the application by the Amendment.

Objection to the Abstract

The Examiner objected to the Abstract for using legal phraseology. Applicant has replaced the Abstract with a new Abstract to remove the legal phraseology. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the Abstract.

Objections to the Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings for incorrectly numbering components of the Anchor device. Applicant has attached an Appendix to this Amendment, including replacement sheets for Figs. 1-3 including the changes requested by the Examiner for the Examiner's approval. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to the drawings.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner objected to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 11, 2001 for failing to include a concise statement of relevance for DE 296 03 414. Applicant submits herewith the International Search Report for corresponding patent application number PCT/AU 98/00968 listing DE 296 03 414 as one of the references, and including a category for the aforementioned reference. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner consider DE 296 03 414 and forward an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 to the undersigned at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Specification

The Examiner objected to the specification for using the word "tonnes". A tonne is a well known expression for "metric ton" equal to 1000 Kg, see Merriam-Websters Collegiate

Dictionary, Tenth Edition, p1242, and Reference Data for Engineers: Radio, Electronics, Computer and Communications, Seventh Edition, page 3-12.

The Examiner also objected to the phrase at page 4, line 13 as being unclear. Applicant has amended the paragraph on page 4 including line 13 to identify the ring and the rod as being the stainless steel components. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the Specification.

Conclusion

Insofar as the Examiner's objections and rejections have been fully addressed, the instant application, including claims 1-3 and 8-14, is in condition for allowance and Notice of Allowability of claims 1-3 and 8-14 is therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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X	GB 2283526 A (PRIME ROOFING LTD) 10 May 1995 Pages 2-3, figures	1-4, 6-9, 11-12, 15-17
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X	GB 2102858 A (MAKWANA) 9 February 1983 Pages 1-2, figures	1-4, 6, 9, 12, 15-17

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X	US 5011106 A (CODY) 30 April 1991 Columns 2-4, figures	1-3, 6, 8-12, 14-17
X	DE 29603414 U (BAUSYSTEME BOCKENEM GmbH) 25 July 1996 Page 9, figure	1-4, 9-10, 12-13, 15-17

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